

The project aimed to improve management and scheduling of irrigation in the command areas of identified schemes and institutional development of state irrigation departments.

4. Hydrology Project :

The project will support upgradation and expansion of the physical infrastructure for all aspects of the collection, collation, processing & dissemination of hydrological and hydrometeorological data.

(c) (i) *AP Irrigation & CAD Project* : Most of the project components for the Nagarjuna Sagar Project listed above were completed by the extended closing date of June, 1985.

(ii) *AP II Irrigation Project* : Overall physical progress as of August 24, 1994 on SRBC was 38% and on SRSP 21%. Works under these are expected to be completed under AP III Project under implementation by the State Government for which World Bank assistance is also being sought.

(iii) *NWMP* : The project has been completed by the extended closing date of 31.3.95.

Modernisation of Burn Standard Co. Ltd.

3592. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of Burn Standard Co. Ltd. fulfilled the object of Take Over and Nationalisation Act towards modernisation and diversification of its refractory units.

(b) if so, the total investment made for modernisation, diversification and returns therefrom;

(c) how many consultants were engaged by the company for preparation of Feasibility Reports for units;

(d) the details of recommendations made; and

(e) the details of implementation of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The objective of the Take Over of erst-while private companies namely M/s. Burn & Co. Ltd. and M/s. Indian Standard Wagon Co. Ltd. was to take over, in public interest, of the management of these undertakings, pending nationalisation, with a view to ensuring rational and co-ordinated development and production of rolling stock, other products of iron and steel industry and other goods needed by such industry and for matters connected therewith of incidental thereto. To the extent that the Company continues to manufacture railway wagons, refractories etc. after nationalisation, the

objective of nationalisation is fulfilled.

(b) The total investment for modernisation and diversification made in the refractory units since take over is Rs. 34.52 crore. Barring Salem unit, all other refractory units have been incurring losses even after take over.

(c) Three.

(d) and (e) The consultants recommended capital expenditure for modernisation and expansion of the refractory units. On the basis of the recommendations of the consultants, Rs. 2.33 crore was invested in Gulfbarbari, Niwar and Salem units. A sum of Rs. 19.25 crore was further invested for modernisation and expansion of Salem refractory unit. Rs. 0.61 crore was invested in the Durgapur works and Rs. 1.38 crore was invested in the Lalkuti works.

[Translation]

'DHARNA' Staged by All India PNB Officers' Association

3593. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the office bearers of the All India Punjab National Bank Officers Association staged a 'dharna' in recent past in support of their demands in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of their main demands; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on each of the demands?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Punjab National Bank has reported that the main demands of the All India Punjab National Bank Officers' Association were as under :—

1. The Bank should not issue charge sheets on trivial routine matters;

2. The Bank should increase rental limits for leased accommodation;

3. Settlement of the fitment formula of promotee officers after 1.11.1987 which has resulted in reduction of the salary by 1/2 increment;

4. Quickening the process of promotions with retrospective effect on account of non promotion since 1993;

5. The Bank should not down-grade the branches on the basis of the revised norms of categorisation in haste;